

# Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105633

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-10

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** 57 Killymoon Road  
Cookstown  
County Tyrone  
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## Activities

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**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£72,383	£46,712	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Dickey		
Archie Bowden		
Johnston Bell		
Mr Alan Elliott		
Mr Steven Kee		
Robert Kee		

**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Accounts

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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	40731	9672	50403	41122
Charitable activities	3	9	8825	8834	4149
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	342	558	900	1140
Other	6	12246	-	12246	221
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		53328	19055	72383	46632
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	410	-	410	400
Charitable activities	8	38636	7284	45920	69448
Investment costs					
Other	9	-	382	382	428
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<b>Total Payments</b>		39046	7666	46712	70276
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Net receipts / (payments)		14282	11389	25671	(23644)
Transfers between funds		(8069)	8069	-	-
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Net movement in funds		6213	19458	25671	(23644)
Funds brought forward		12697	64097	76794	100438
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Funds carried forward	12	18910	83555	102465	76794
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	12697	64097	76794	100438
Net movement in funds	6213	19458	25671	(23644)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	18910	83555	102465	76794
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	51483	51483	40355
Bank Current Accounts	18910	31870	50780	36241
Cash in Hand	-	202	202	198
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			102465	76794
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			26138	26138
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			26138	26138
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 14/10/25 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]   
[Date] 14/10/25

[Name]   
[Date] 14/10/2025

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	32578	4581	37159	27767
Donations and gifts	2160	3848	6008	6173
Gift Aid	5993	1243	7236	7182
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-
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	40731	9672	50403	41122
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2024**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	9	200	209	-
Fees from Grave Plots, Funerals & Weddings	-	4225	4225	2935
Fundraising events	-	4400	4400	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	1214
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	9	8825	8834	4149
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	342	357	699	947
Rents investment properties	-	191	191	187
Other Interest	-	10	10	6
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	342	558	900	1140
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	200	-	200	171
Other income	12046	-	12046	50
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	12246	-	12246	221
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	410	-	410	400
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	410	-	410	400
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	5039	-	5039	5236
Presbytery fees	765	-	765	703
Ministry and support staff costs	22147	-	22147	19951
Congregational running expenses	10685	4452	15137	39771
Donations to Missions and charities	-	2832	2832	3787
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	38636	7284	45920	69448
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	382	382	428
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	-	382	382	428
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Brigh, Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund	26138	26138
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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	26138	26138
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2024**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No. 1 Account	12697	53328	39046	14282	(8069)	18910
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	12697	53328	39046	14282	(8069)	18910
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School (No. 4)	5952	916	176	740	-	6692
Hall Property – P.O.	32069	331	-	331	11977	44377
Church Maintenance – P.O.	2892	-	-	-	-	2892
Graveyard (No. 6)	3998	3981	2500	1481	-	5479
Property Repair (No. 5)	17200	13626	2155	11471	(5323)	23348
Youth Club	465	4	-	4	-	469
Bowling Club	1185	3	3	-	(1177)	8
PW Account	336	194	240	(46)	-	290
No. 1 Acc – Charities & Missions	-	-	2592	(2592)	2592	-
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	64097	19055	7666	11389	8069	83555
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<b>Total</b>	<b>76794</b>	<b>72383</b>	<b>46712</b>	<b>25671</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>102465</b>
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**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Accounts

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# **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

## **Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**


	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	32744	8378	41122	41382
Charitable activities	3	1214	2935	4149	2720
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	141	999	1140	667
Other	6	221	-	221	307
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>34320</b>	<b>12312</b>	<b>46632</b>	<b>45076</b>
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	400	-	400	400
Charitable activities	8	35166	34282	69448	41527
Investment costs					
Other	9	-	428	428	748
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<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>35566</b>	<b>34710</b>	<b>70276</b>	<b>42675</b>
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Net receipts / (payments)		(1246)	(22398)	(23644)	2401
Transfers between funds		(2970)	2970	-	-
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Net movement in funds		(4216)	(19428)	(23644)	2401
Funds brought forward		16913	83525	100438	98037
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Funds carried forward	12	12697	64097	76794	100438
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	16913	83525	100438	98037
Net movement in funds	(4216)	(19428)	(23644)	2401
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Bank and Cash at end of year	12697	64097	76794	100438
	=====	=====	=====	=====
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	40355	40355	69811
Bank Current Accounts	12697	23544	36241	30278
Cash in Hand	-	198	198	349
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			76794	100438
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			26138	26138
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			26138	26138
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]   
[Date] 4/9/24

[Name]   
[Date] 4/9/24

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	24073	3694	27767	30086
Donations and gifts	2398	3775	6173	4036
Gift Aid	6273	909	7182	7260
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-
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	32744	8378	41122	41382
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2023**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Fees from Grave Plots, Funerals & Weddings	-	2935	2935	2720
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-
Grants	1214	-	1214	-
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	1214	2935	4149	2720
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	141	806	947	495
Rents investment properties	-	187	187	171
Other Interest	-	6	6	1
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	141	999	1140	667
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	171	-	171	150
Other income	50	-	50	157
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	221	-	221	307
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	400	-	400	400
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	400	-	400	400
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	5236	-	5236	4801
Presbytery fees	703	-	703	659
Ministry and support staff costs	19951	-	19951	19635
Congregational running expenses	9276	30495	39771	13315
Donations to Missions and charities	-	3787	3787	3117
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	35166	34282	69448	41527
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	428	428	748
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	-	428	428	748
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Brigh, Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund	26138	26138
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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	26138	26138
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No. 1 Account	16913	34320	35566	(1246)	(2970)	12697
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	16913	34320	35566	(1246)	(2970)	12697
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School (No. 4)	5890	893	831	62	-	5952
Hall Property – P.O.	61729	340	-	340	(30000)	32069
Church Maintenance – P.O.	2870	22	-	22	-	2892
Graveyard (No. 6)	4817	2401	3220	(819)	-	3998
Property Repair (No. 5)	6124	7948	26872	(18924)	30000	17200
Youth Club	462	3	-	3	-	465
Bowling Club	1185	-	-	-	-	1185
PW Account	448	705	817	(112)	-	336
No. 1 Acc – Charities & Missions	-	-	2970	(2970)	2970	-
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	83525	12312	34710	(22398)	2970	64097
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<b>Total</b>	<b>100438</b>	<b>46632</b>	<b>70276</b>	<b>(23644)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76794</b>
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**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Annual report

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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

## **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

BRIGH Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
40 Legmurn Road  
Brigh  
Stewartstown  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT71 5JR

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Johnston Bell  
Robert Kee

Archie Bowden  
Rev Alan Dickey

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev Alan Dickey  
Robert Kee  
Richard Elliott

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McKinney Dawson (Accountants)  
28 Union Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8NN

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Ltd  
20 William Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8ND

**SOLICITORS**

Millar Shearer and Black,  
40 Molesworth Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8PH

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Brigh congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Brigh congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is, by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, by God's grace, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to attend. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed twice during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including:

- Sunday School
- Bible Class
- Presbyterian Women
- Senior Citizens
- Ladies in Christ (LinC)

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and prayer**

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 12.00 noon. During the week the Mid-Week provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the Scriptures and for a time of prayer.

During our regular services this year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at one Sacrament of Baptism. We gave thanks for the faithful service of one member and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved.

At 31 December 2023 there were 98 communicant members and 67 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was 42.

#### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

#### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation helped with the Holiday Bible Club and Coffee Bar in 1<sup>st</sup> Stewartstown Presbyterian Church to reach out into the village and surrounding area. The congregation also sends donations to other missions and Christian workers.

## **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund supports the wider mission of the denomination aiding in mission and outreach work on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

### **General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **Property**

Maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the buildings was carried out during the year.

### **Organisations**

On Sunday mornings the Sunday School and Bible Class (av. attendance 21) use the hall. On the first Monday of alternate months from September to April Presbyterian Women meet (av. attendance 20).

On Wednesday evenings the mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting is held in the hall on alternate months (av. attendance 18).

Every other Thursday afternoon, the Senior Citizens meet in the hall (av. attendance 12).

Ladies in Christ (LinC) use the hall on several occasions throughout the year.

The hall is also used for other one-off events, both by members and by other groups in the area.

## **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 67 contributors during the year [65 in previous year, 2022] donating a total of £24,073 (£25,805 in previous year, 2022).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £46,632, compared to £45,076 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £42,675 to £70,276. The reason for the significant change in expenditure is due to repairs to properties taken place during the year.

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4/9/2024 and signed on its behalf by

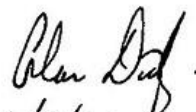
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**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Annual return

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# **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

## **Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of Brigh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out in the 'Brigh Charity Comm Accounts.'

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charity Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Randal McKinney, McKinney Dawson Accountants, 28 Union Street, Cookstown, BT80 8NN

Date: 4/9/24

**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Accounts

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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

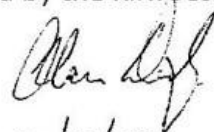
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	34594	6788	41382	39054
Charitable activities	3	-	2720	2720	450
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-
Investment Income	5	40	627	667	673
Other	6	150	157	307	64
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>34784</b>	<b>10292</b>	<b>45076</b>	<b>40241</b>
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<b>Payments</b>					
Raising funds	7	400	-	400	414
Charitable activities	8	31439	10088	41527	33670
Investment costs					
Other	9	-	748	748	1596
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<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>31839</b>	<b>10836</b>	<b>42675</b>	<b>35680</b>
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Net receipts / (payments)		2945	(544)	2401	4561
Transfers between funds		(3117)	3117	-	-
		-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(172)	2573	2401	4561
Funds brought forward		17085	80952	98037	93476
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Funds carried forward	12	16913	83525	100438	98037
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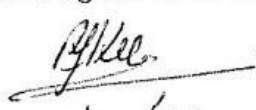
**BRIGHS CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Bank and Cash at start of year	17085	80952	98037	93476
Net movement in funds	(172)	2573	2401	4561
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Bank and Cash at end of year	16913	83525	100438	98037
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	69811	69811	59787
Bank Current Accounts	16913	13365	30278	37941
Cash in Hand	-	349	349	309
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			100438	98037
			=====	=====
<b>Other Assets</b>				
Fixed Assets – Note 10				
- Church Premises				
- Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment				
- Vehicles				
Investments – Note 11			26138	26320
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			26138	26320
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21/9/23 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]   
[Date] 21/9/23

[Name]   
[Date] 21/09/23

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2022**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:				
Loose collections and FWO	25805	4281	30086	28471
Donations and gifts	2506	1530	4036	4663
Gift Aid	6283	977	7260	5920
Legacies and bequest	-	-	-	-
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	34594	6788	41382	39054
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**31 December 2022**

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Fees from Grave Plots, Funerals & Weddings	-	2720	2720	450
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-
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	-	2720	2720	450
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	-	-	-	-
Trading income	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-
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**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	40	455	495	519
Rents investment properties	-	171	171	154
Other Interest	-	1	1	-
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	40	627	667	673
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**6. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Magazines	150	-	150	-
Other income	-	157	157	64
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	150	157	307	64
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**7. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	400	-	400	414
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	400	-	400	414
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**8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	4801	-	4801	4831
Presbytery fees	659	-	659	749
Ministry and support staff costs	19635	-	19635	18251
Congregational running expenses	6344	6971	13315	6846
Donations to Missions and charities	-	3117	3117	2993
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
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	31439	10088	41527	33670
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**9. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£
Investment properties expenses	-	748	748	1596
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	-	748	748	1596
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**10. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Brigh, Stewartstown and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery.

**11. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
General Investment Fund	26138	26320
Property	-	-
Other investments	-	-
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	26138	26320
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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**  
**31 December 2022**

**12. FUND BALANCES**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
No. 1 Account	17085	34784	31839	2945	(3117)	16913
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	17085	34784	31839	2945	(3117)	16913
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Sunday School (No. 4)	5521	1062	693	369	-	5890
Hall Property – P.O.	51671	58	-	58	10000	61729
Church Maintenance – P.O.	2867	3	-	3	-	2870
Graveyard (No. 6)	4638	2679	2500	179	-	4817
Property Repair (No. 5)	14475	6082	4433	1649	(10000)	6124
Youth Club	461	1	-	1	-	462
Bowling Club	1186	2	3	(1)	-	1185
PW Account	133	405	90	315	-	448
No. 1 Acc – Charities & Missions	-	-	3117	(3117)	3117	-
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	80952	10292	10836	(544)	3117	83525
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<b>Total</b>	<b>98037</b>	<b>45076</b>	<b>42675</b>	<b>2401</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100438</b>
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**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Annual report

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**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN  
IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

## **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

BRIGH Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
40 Legmurn Road  
Brigh  
Stewartstown  
Dungannon  
Co. Tyrone  
BT71 5JR

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)

### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

Johnston Bell  
Robert Kee

Archie Bowden  
Rev Alan Dickey

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer

Rev Alan Dickey  
Robert Kee  
Claire Armstrong

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

McKinney Dawson (Accountants)  
28 Union Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8NN

**BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Ltd  
20 William Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8ND

**SOLICITORS**

Millar Shearer and Black,  
40 Molesworth Street  
Cookstown  
Co. Tyrone  
BT80 8PH

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

**The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate. To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

**Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Brigh congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Tyrone Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administrative and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

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- Youth Club
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## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Worship and prayer**

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### **Pastoral care**

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors.

### **Mission and outreach**

At a local level the congregation helped with the Holiday Bible Club and Coffee Bar in 1<sup>st</sup> Stewartstown Presbyterian Church to reach out into the village and surrounding area. The congregation also sends donations to other missions and Christian workers. Along with our linked congregations of Albany and First Stewartstown, Brigh ran a number of more social events over the year to try to build relationships with those in the local community.

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The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund supports the wider mission of the denomination aiding in mission and outreach work on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assists with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church.

### **General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **Property**

Maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the buildings was carried out during the year.

### **Organisations**

On Sunday mornings the Sunday School and Bible Class (av. attendance 20) use the hall. On the first Monday of alternate months from September to April Presbyterian Women meet (av. attendance 20).

On Tuesday evenings the bowling club (av. attendance 16) meet and play other church teams for both league and friendly matches.

On Wednesday evenings the mid-week Bible study and prayer meeting is held in the hall on alternate months (av. attendance 16).

Every other Thursday afternoon, the Senior Citizens meet in the hall (av. attendance 16).

Once a month on Saturday evening from October to June the Youth Club meet in the hall.

Ladies in Christ (LinC) use the hall on several occasions throughout the year.

The hall is also used for other one-off events, both by members and by other groups in the area.

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

**BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 65 contributors during the year [63 in previous year, 2021] donating a total of £25,805 (£24,561 in previous year, 2021).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £45,076, compared to £40,241 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £35,680 to £42,675.

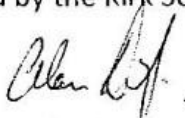
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

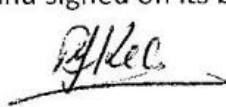
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 21/9/23 and signed on its behalf by

[Name]   
[Date] 21/9/23

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[Date] 21/09/23

**Brigh Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105633

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# Annual return

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# **BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

## **Independent Examiner's Report for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105633)**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BRIGH CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of Brigh Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

### **Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act.
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9)(b) of the Charity Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Randal McKinney, McKinney Dawson Accountants, 28 Union Street, Cookstown, BT80 8NN

Date: